

Hondo Hondo



udzungwa forest camp

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It normally takes around 8 hours, depending on the traffic & police! Leaving Dar very early (before 6am) can help to avoid some of the heavy traffic on the roads.

Hondo Hondo is about 360km almost due west of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, not far after Mikumi National Park. To drive, take the Morogoro road out of Dar es Salaam, through Chalinze, Morogoro and Mikumi National Park to Mikumi town.

Or if you live north of Dar city, you can try the road via Bagomoya:

Best way is to head up towards Bagamoyo. Just before Bagamoyo is a new roundabout, turn right to Msata. It's about 65km from there to Msata. Turn left towards Chalinze, which is about 35km away. You can go through Chalinze but there is a new road at Msoga, about 5-10km before Chalinze that is nicknamed 'President's Road' as it goes through his birth-village, and cut's off that corner coming out at Msolwa. It's a huge wide tar-gravel road, you can't miss it. Then it's straightforward - all the way up the Morogoro Rd, to Mikumi Town.

In Mikumi town, just before the steep hill heading to Iringa, you will see a left turning, where there are signposts for Kilombero, Ifakara and the Udzungwa Mountains National Park. Take this turning and drive towards Ifakara through Kilombero. This very scenic road descends 700m through a gorge to the Kilombero floodplain and the Kilombero sugar plantation. The road runs along the edge of the Udzungwa escarpment. There are many people living along this road so take care of pedestrians and cyclists. After 34 kilometres on the tarmac road, you pass through the town of Kilombero and cross the mighty Ruaha river to Kidatu, with its hydroelectric power station. Here the tarmac road ends, and you continue along on a graded dirt road for 24km. Look out for Sanje waterfall up on your right just before you pass through Sanje Village (home of Udzungwa Mountain Spring Water.)

You'll see the signs for Hondo Hondo on your right, after the road swings away from the forest edge, and before you reach Mang'ula village and the Park Headquarters. Turn up our drive and after 300m, you'll reach the camp.

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